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(*c*) & (*d*) A nominal rent of Rs. 10 per annum is being paid to the authorities of the South Travancore Hindu College for the buildings now being used for the Polytechnic as per agreement.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the total estimated cost for the construction of the polytechnic buildings in Nagercoil?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I do not have the figure here.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know the period for which this agreement will be in force?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Till we construct our own buildings.

* 2315-G *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of posts of Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers kept vacant in the Nagercoil Polytechnic and for how long?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : One post of lecturer in Civil Engineering has been vacant from 12th May 1961 and two posts of Assistant Lecturers in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from 20th July 1960.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know when they will be filled?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As soon as persons are available.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : Is it a fact that the students are not getting proper coaching in this institution because of the want of lecturers and also want of proper equipment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I agree that particularly with reference to the transition stage where our own buildings have not been put up and the equipment have not been available and there are vacancies in the teaching posts, there are bound to be deficiencies in the training programme. But, was hope to make it up after the buildings are put up and we equip the polytechnics fully.

* 2315-H *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether equipments for all the courses have been kept ready in the Nagercoil Polytechnic;

(*b*) if not, in which of the courses equipments are inadequate;

(*c*) the present arrangements for giving practical training to the students : and

(*d*) whether sanctioned library books have been purchased up to date; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM ; (*a*) No, Sir. Due to foreign exchange difficulties all the equipments could not be purchased.